Welcome to Year 10 Parents' Information Meeting









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- Mr Calen:Welcome & Prayer
- Mr Cajkler: Examination Results
- Mr Boonham: Pastoral, Expectations & Safeguarding
- Mr Cajkler: Co-curricular Activities, Praise & Rewards
- Mr Cajkler: Accelerate & Work Experience
- Mr Cajkler: Assessment & Testing
- Ms Fones: English
- Mr Handley: Mathematics
- Mr Sadler: Science
- Mr White: Religious Education





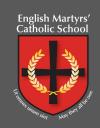
Our Mission at EMS

English Martyrs', as a community centred in Christ strives to develop the talents of each person

'May they all be one'







In gathering here tonight we show our willingness to support our young people as they move forward on their journey through life. Let us renew our commitment to this sacred task and ask for God's blessing on all we do.

Are we committed to celebrating the joys our young people bring us; to encouraging them in their endeavours and to showing patience and love in the face of difficulties and challenges?

Are we ready to accompany our young people as they grow in faith and invite them to share in the life of this family of God, using their gifts to build up our community? Are we ready to work together as a family and share with one another the spirit of Christian friendship and compassion so that we may be a sign of hope to others?

ALL: WE ARE, WITH THE HELP OF GOD ALL: WE ARE, WITH THE HELP OF GOD ALL: WE ARE, WITH THE HELP OF GOD





The School Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ
Make me a better person
Considerate towards others
Honest with myself
Faithful to you
Help me to find my true vocation in life
And so to find happiness myself
And bring happiness to others

Amen.





Examination Results



GCSE Results

71.4% of students achieved five or more 4+ grades

The number of students securing good passes in both English and Maths has increased compared to 2019.

We have been delighted to welcome over 130 Year 11 students into our Sixth Form (along with applicants from other schools) as they embark on the next stage of their education.









A Level Results

57% A*-B grades 86% A*-C grades 99% pass rate

- Majority of students have gained places at their first-choice universities, including many at coveted Russell Group universiti
- A significant number of students also achieved straight A*/A grades.







Head of Year 10 - Mr Boonham

Form Tutors

Mrs Sheehan 10 Campion Ms Bhakta 10 Clitheroe Mr Khushalbhai 10 Fisher Mrs Devereux 10 More Miss Sole 10 Sherwin Mr Edwards 10 Ward

Mrs Webster – Director of Inclusion
Mr James Noakes – School Chaplain
Mrs Collins, Mr James, Mr Johnson – Pastoral support





- Morning Prayer & Assembly
- Form Masses
- Voluntary Mass
- Charities & Fundraising
- Spiritual Life Officers
- Eco-Martyrs
- Retreats / Pilgrimages







Uniform & Equipment

Mobile Phones

Behaviour

Attendance

Application to study

Involvement in the wider school community





School Planner

The purpose of the school planner:

- I. Important for communication
- 2. Important to develop independent skills
- 3. Important to take responsibility for their learning
- 4. Home School agreement and ICT and internet protocol
- 5. Must be brought to all year group and voluntary masses.





Safeguarding



Manisha Singh Designated Safeguarding Lead

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Dean Boonham



Bev Collins



Joanne Hill



Rebecca Lewis Monday - Wednesday



Lauren Webster Tuesday - Friday

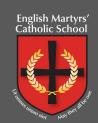


Safeguarding

- <u>School website</u> Our School Safeguarding Safeguarding
- You can also download online safety tips for your child.
- We will always communicate with parents.
- Email wellbeing@englishmartyrs.org



Co-curricular Activities



Enrichment

Art Club Aspire Clubs

Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Olympiads Brilliant Club

Chess Club
Creative Writing Club

Debating Society

Design Club

Henrietta Lacks Society

High Flyer Programme

Magic, Mentalism & Memory Club

Maths Challenges

Science Club

Study Club

Performing Arts

Brass Ensemble

Dance Club

Drama Club

Guitar Ensemble

Jazz Band

Junior Choir

Orchestra

Schola Cantorum

School Musical Rehearsal

Senior Choir

Steel Pans Group

Woodwind Ensemble

Sport & Outdoor Activities

Athletics (mixed)

Badminton (mixed)

Basketball (mixed)

Cricket (mixed)

Duke of Edinburgh Award:

Bronze, Silver & Gold

Football (boys' and girls')

Indoor Cricket (mixed)

Netball (mixed)

Rounders (mixed)

Running Club (mixed)

Short Tennis (mixed)

Table Tennis (mixed)

Trampolining (mixed)

Volleyball (mixed)

The curriculum is enhanced by a vibrant, wide-ranging co-curricular programme which provides a broad curriculum offer and supports student wellbeing.

• Each student should sign up to at least one activity.





Praise & Rewards-The English Martyrs Way

- **Excellence**: We aspire to be better every day. Success is a journey and failure is part of the learning journey.
- · Hardworking: (of a person) tending to work with energy, commitment and diligence
- · **Resilience**: be determined to never give up, regardless of setbacks. To look for solutions when facing a problem.
- · Welcoming: We recognise and celebrate diversity while being friendly considerate and welcoming to all.
- · **Respect**: have due regard for (someone's feelings, wishes, or rights)



English Martyrs' Catholic School

Praise Points (+1)

Teachers will award students with an English Martyrs Way Achievement point when they demonstrate any of the English Martyrs Way values below

- Excellence in Lessons (+1 Praise Point)
- Excellence around the school (+ I Praise Point)
- Respect (+ I Praise Point)
- Hardworking (+1 Praise Point)
- Resilience (+1 Praise Point)
- Welcoming (+1 Praise Point)
- Spiritual Life (+ I Praise Point)



Special Recognition Praise Points

• Outstanding Contribution in Lessons (+2).

This is a special recognition, given to one or two students only per lesson.

This could be for outstanding answers to questions, producing an exceptional piece of work (or both).

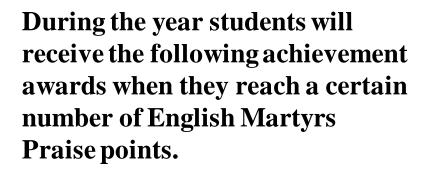
Outstanding contribution to school community (+2)

This could be for participation in events, singing, playing music, doing a reading at mass, reading a poem or being successful in your respective sports team.. E.g scoring a goal or saving a penalty.



75 Points – Achievement Award-Letter of Achievement from your Head of Year

150 Points – Bronze certificate and a Bronze Badge





250 Points – Silver Certificate and a Silver badge



350 Points – Gold Certificate and Gold badge



500 Points – Platinum badge and Letter of Achievement from the Principal



ParentPay

We are cashless school. Payments to school, e.g. for food, school visits, music lessons etc. should be made using the online payment system, ParentPay which is accessed via the school website, www.englishmartyrs.org.

Payments may be made via debit or credit cards or American Express and Paypoint.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office:

office@englishmartyrs.org







Accelerate

- Arithmetical skills,
- Careers & Workplace learning,
- Character
- Extra curricular programme,
- Literacy skills,
- Enterprise education,
- Retrieval practice,
- Art & Music,
- Technology,
- Enrichement.

The Accelerate programme is designed to ensure that all our students benefit from a tailored curriculum to support the development of Literacy through reading & Numeracy.

Alongside this we are committed to offering a Careers and PSHE programme tailored to each year group so that each student is given a unique opportunity to explore the world of work, develop their unique gifts and skills which will enable them to build resilience and engage in teamwork.

This will guarantee that our students fully embrace "The English Martyrs Way."



Accelerate Programme

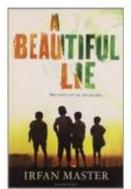
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Pastoral	Careers	Self Regulated Learning	PSHE	Drop Everything & Read
Year 8	Self Regulated Learning	Pastoral	Careers	PSHE	Drop Everything & Read
Year 9	Careers	PSHE	Pastoral	Retrieval Practice	Drop Everything & Read
Year 10	Retrieval Practice	PSHE	Careers	Pastoral	Drop Everything & Read
Year 11	Drop Everything & Read	Retrieval Practice	Careers	PSHE	Pastoral
Year 12	Post 18 Preparation	Well Being	Academic Mentoring	A Level Mindset	Super- Curricular Programme
Year 13	Post-18 Preparation	Well-Being	Academic Mentoring	A Level Mindset	Super Curricular Programme



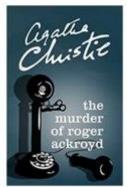


- Students in Years 7 10 will read 3 books together throughout the year one book per term.
- Students in Year 11 will read 2 books.
- The stories are to be a shared experience, with the tutor.

Here are some of the books we'll be enjoying:

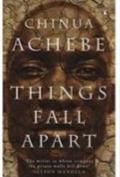




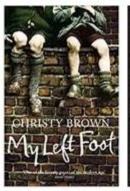










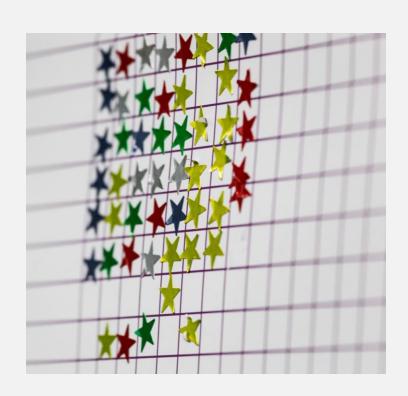






Record of Achievement

- A portfolio of academic success
- A record of attendance certificates, letters of praise and contributions to wider school activities
- Required to present at the business interviews and for the interviews for English Martyrs' Sixth Form and other colleges
- Helpful when applying for University and work placements
- Helpful for references at the end of Key Stage 4



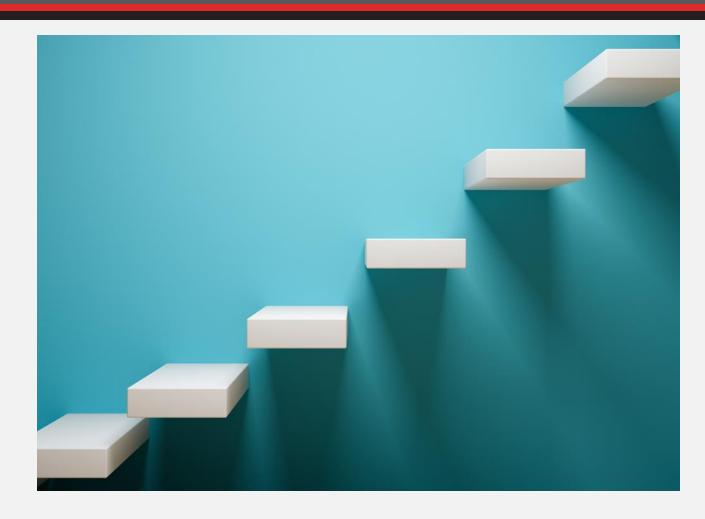


Work Experience week

Monday 13th May

- Friday 17th May 2024

This year there is a big emphasis on self-placements





Work Experience Key Dates 2024

Forms must be returned to the school office by Monday 2nd October 2023.

Placements will be from Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May 2024.

Notification of placements six weeks before placement. (LEBC)

Students <u>must phone</u> their placements and arrange a pre-placement visit during those six weeks.

Key Considerations





What sort of job do you want?



Which locations can you get to?



How flexible can you be?



Certain job sectors require you to write letters of application. This process is called self-placement.



Don't be influenced by your friends!



Help & Advice

You can get help and advice from:

- Your Form Tutor
- Mr J. James
- Mr Boonham
- Mr Hawkes
- Senior Leadership Team



Being organised is vital to success



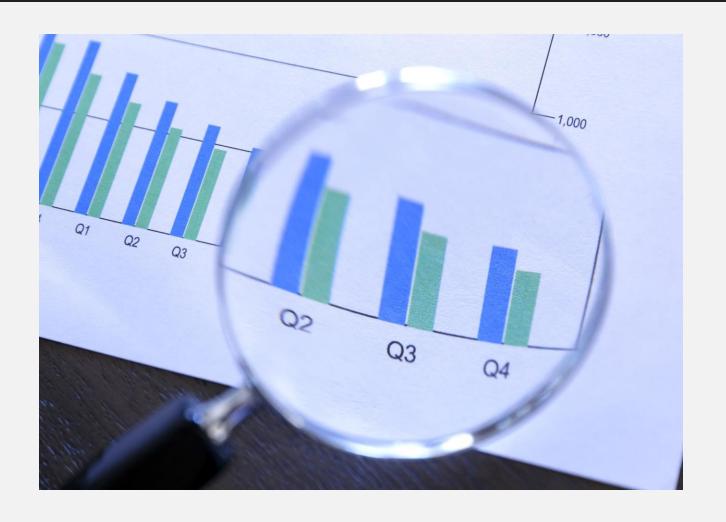
Assessment

Assessment Grades

illustrate what grade the members of staff estimate your child will gain if they continue to work at this quality and level of effort.

Expected Grades illustrate what the average student would be expected to achieve based on historical data.

Most important are the targets that students themselves set, which they then compare with their assessment grades.



Expected Grade	Subject	Assessment Grade	Progress
5	Mathematics	6	Outstanding Progress
5	English	5	Good Progress
5	Science	7	Outstanding Progress
5	Religious Education	6	Outstanding Progress
5	Geography	6	Outstanding Progress
5	History	5	Good Progress
5	French	5	Good Progress
5	IT	4	Insufficient Progress
5	Drama	5	Good Progress





Attendance = Achievement

Attendance	Grade Profile		
>95%	6666666666 (10x6)		
90-95%	6 6 6 6 5 5 5 5 5 5 (4x6 + 6x5)		
86-90%	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 (10x5)		
<86%	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 (10x4)		



GCSE Qualifications

•	Content is	more	difficult	with	more	extended
	writing					

- More exams
- No coursework in core subjects

Grading system:

GCSE Grades	Previous GCSE Grades
9	A **
8	A *
7	Α
6	В
5	C (Strong Pass)
4	C (Standard Pass)
3	D
2	E
1	F



Year 9-11 Timetable

Subject	Lessons per fortnight		
Mathematics	7		
English	7		
Science	I2 (4 lessons per subject)		
Religious Education	5		
Physical Education	4		
Option I	5		
Option 2	5		
Option 3	5		



Core Subjects

Subject	Tiers of Entry	Controlled Assessment %	Exam %	Number of Exams
Mathematics	2	0	100	3
English Language	I	0	100	2
English Literature	I	0	100	2
Religious Education	I	0	100	2
Biology	2	0	100	2
Chemistry	2	0	100	2
Physics	2	0	100	2



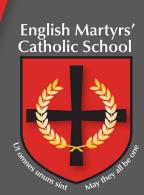
Key Subjects

Subject	Tiers of Entry	Controlled Assessment %	Exam %	Number of Exams
Geography	I	0	100	3
History	I	0	100	3
French	2	0	100	4



satchel: One

Your child's timetable for Week A & B is available on Satchel one



Homework & Retrieval Practice



- Research-driven regular retrieval in and out of lessons
- Weekly spelling tests
- Use of a computer and internet access at home
- Use of online programmes such as Sparx Maths, Educake and ActiveLearn



Sparx Maths





Available on School Website

- Assessment Profiles
- Test topics to be learnt
- Revision guidance
- Knowledge organisers



Term Time Revision Planner

Week Starting:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:
Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:
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Year 10 Key Dates

Friday 29th September

Thursday 5th October

Thursday 23rd November

20th November- 8th December

Monday 18th December

Thursday 21st December

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning / Afternoon

Year 6 Open Evening

St Cecilia Concert

Mock Exam window for years 10-13

Christmas Dinner

Carol Service







Week beginning 10th January Assessment B

Monday 22nd January Year 10 Study Skills day

Thursday 25th January Parents' Meeting

Week beginning 11th March Sacrament of Reconciliation

Week beginning 26th February Mock Exam window for years 10-13

7th & 8th May Mock interviews

Week beginning 13th May Work Experience week

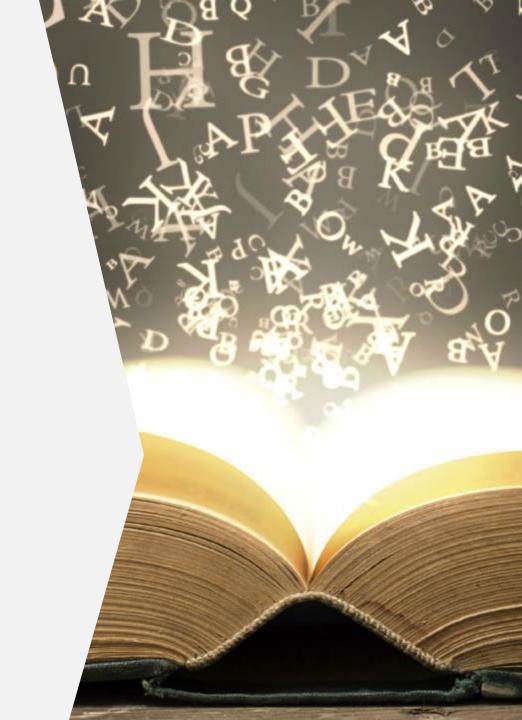
Week beginning 5th June Assessment C & Progress updates

Thursday 27th June Subject awards evening

Tuesday 2nd July Year 10 Enterprise Day



Year 10 English



Reminders: In Year 9 students developed key GCSE skills and studied the following set texts:



Macbeth - February and March





Animal Farm — Summer term



C19th novel – Summer holiday reading

AQA English Language: 2 x papers (1 hour 45 minutes)

I Explorations in creative reading and writing

- Section A Reading based on one previously unseen fiction text
- Section B Writing one from a choice of two fiction tasks

2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

- Section A Reading based on
 2 previously unseen non-fiction texts
 from different centuries
- Section B Writing one writing task to argue a point of view. There is no choice



OCR English Literature: 2 x two-hour long papers

J352/01 Exploring modern and literary heritage texts

J352/02 Exploring poetry and Shakespeare

Section A:

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Section B:

 Great Expectations by Charles Dickens (set 1)

OR

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Section A:

OCR Poetry Anthology 15 poems

Section B:

Macbeth



English Language and English Literature Similarities

Skills

- Reading analysing, comparing and evaluating
- Writing constructing an argument

Knowledge

- Relevant Contexts
- Subject terms



English Language and English Literature Differences

Language

- Reading none of the material has been studied before
- Writing students must write in many different styles, paying greater attention to accuracy and language choices
- Speaking they deliver a talk and answer questions

Literature

- Students know most of the material in advance
- They will learn set answers
- They are tested primarily on knowledge



Map of Main Stopping-Off Points

Year 10

- Dickens; Fiction analysis and writing
- Poetry; Macbeth revision; narrative writing
- Non-Fiction analysis and writing; Animal Farm and Dickens revision; assessed speeches

Year II

- Fiction analysis and writing; poetry and Macbeth revision
- Non-Fiction analysis and writing; Dickens and Animal Farm revision
- Intensive revision for all FOUR papers

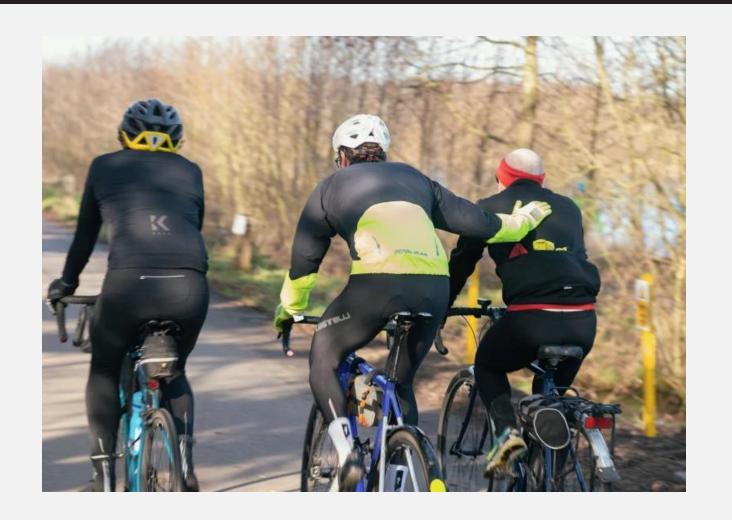
You can help by encouraging your son or daughter to:



Read, re-read and read again the SETTEXTS (purchased from the school shop)

Read a wide range of other material

Discuss what they read, watch and discover





You can also help by encouraging your child to use:

 all the resources we have created to help them shape their own responses on One Drive

BBC Bitesize GCSE English Language AQA

Other sites to supplement, not replace, reading set texts

Opinions masquerading as facts!

- www.litcharts.com
- www.senecalearning.com
- www.audiopi.co.uk





Conclusion

The Year 10 English course is rich, demanding and enjoyable – so long as we ALL complete our preparation and contribute positively to lessons!

Year 10 Mathematics





Exam Board - Edexcel

- We run a three year GCSE course which your children started in Year 9.
- Students will sit mock GCSE papers in December and March.
- We will use this as well as other half termly assessment results, homework performance and effort in class to make a decision about which tier of entry (higher or foundation) each student will sit.

Lesson Standards





All students receive a retrieval task at the beginning of each lesson which will recap the work from previous lesson(s).



All students receive one piece of Sparx Maths homework per week according to school policy which will be published on Satchel One.



All students must bring their own equipment to lessons.



All book work is to be completed to the highest standard.



Equipment essentials for a Maths Lesson

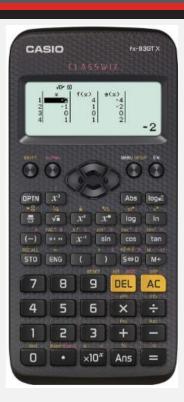
All Year 10 students are expected to bring the following items to every lesson.

- Pencil
- Black pen and Red Pen
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Calculator for all maths lessons
- School Planner

It is highly recommended that you purchase the Casio fx-83GTX scientific calculator (see above).

This will be the calculator that you will use in your summer exams for Maths and Science so it will be highly beneficial to have the exact model.

These calculators are currently available online at Amazon for £11.00.



Sparx Maths



- Homework will be set on the Sparx Maths website every week. This will be based on what the students have covered in class in the previous few lessons.
- Students should aim to spend about I hour on maths homework per week.
- After completing their compulsory homework, students can earn 'XP points' or try Target questions to extend their knowledge further.
- Sparx will also test students on topics they will have covered from further back.
- After a few weeks, the software will start to tailor and personalise the questions based on gaps in knowledge that each student has and how easy/difficult they have been finding the homework.



Sparx Maths 70 XP David Hawkes Hey David, 0/1 Compulsory This is your personalised Compulsory homework. You need to answer every question correctly to complete it. Introducing Sparx Maths Not started XP Boost Target Independent Learning

Complete Maths



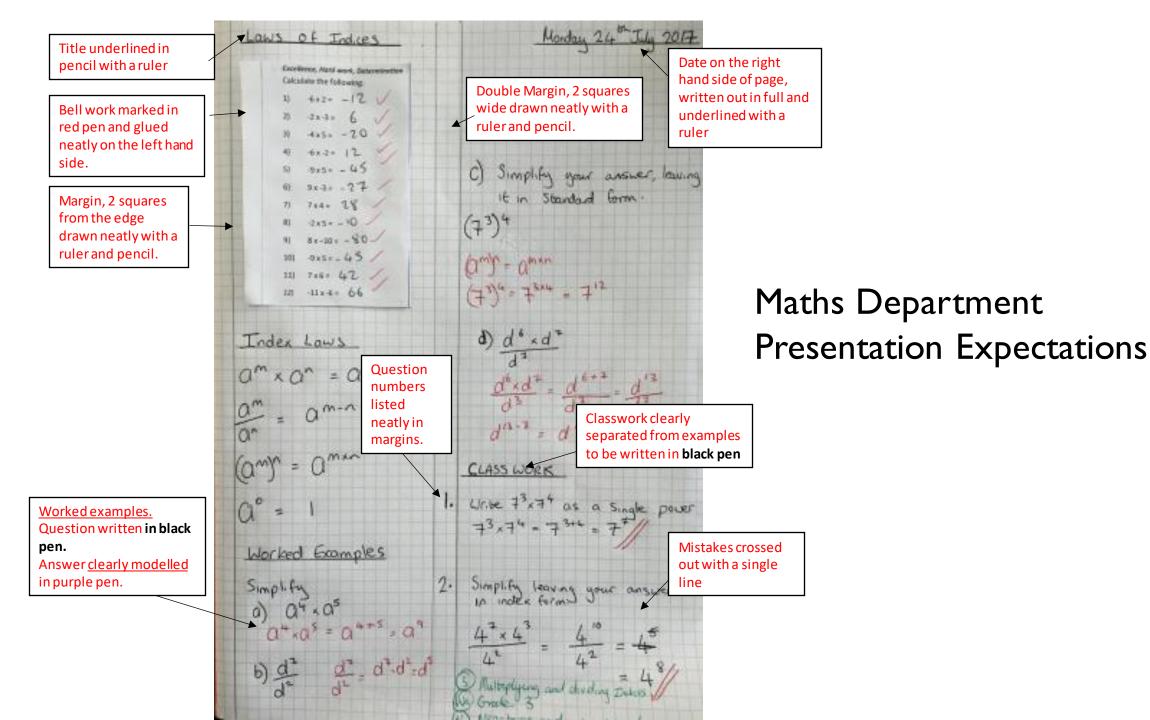
- A way to 'fill' any gaps in knowledge that students may have, going all the way back to primary school maths.
- A small number of students have been given logins for this website.
- This will replace traditional, tutoring type intervention.
- Students should complete I hour per week on this, I will review progress periodically.





Presentation in Books

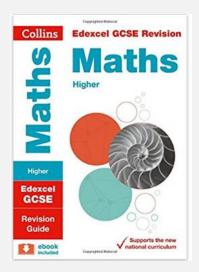
- Presentation and quality of written work is something that our department is very proud of.
- Consistency in every lesson with no exceptions.
- Students should be proud to show off their books and their work.
- No excuses.

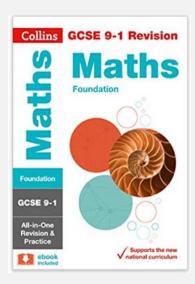


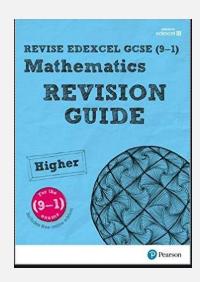


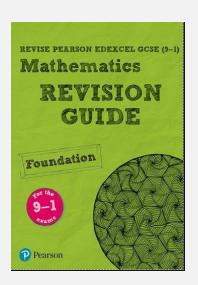
Revision guides & Important Websites

- Sparx Maths- available at www.sparx.com
- Corbett Maths available at www.corbettmaths.co.uk
- Maths Made Easy available at www.mathsmadeeasy.co.uk
- www.mymaths.co.uk











Support for students

- The Maths department will be offering extra support and opportunities for year 10 students.
- Every Friday lunchtime I will be available in my classroom to offer homework support or help with any work students are struggling with.
- We are launching a co-curricular club for our enthusiastic Maths students where we show them Maths in real world contexts, for example engineering.
- We have launched a Chess Club during Wednesday lunchtimes in MA2.

Year 10 Science





Science Overview

All students have separate lessons in:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- 2 of each per week

Two pathways:

- Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Combined Science
- AQA 6 exams in Year 11; 2 in each Science





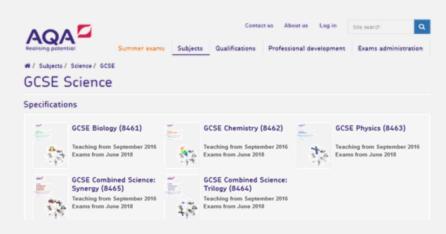
Success in Science

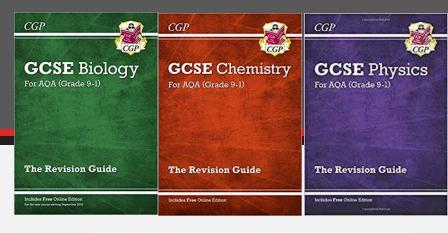
- Correct equipment:
 - Pens, pencils, rubber, highlighters/coloured pens (useful)
 - Scientific calculator
 - Ruler
- Taking regular assessments seriously
- Review work regularly
- Completing homework on time and using Educake to improve learning
- Utilising the recommended resources
- Taking pride in work

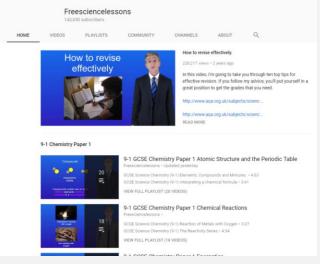


Useful Resources

- Free Science Lessons YouTube
- CGP Revision Guides and Workbooks
- AQA Website
- Physics and Maths Tutor Website
- BBC Bitesize
- Educake

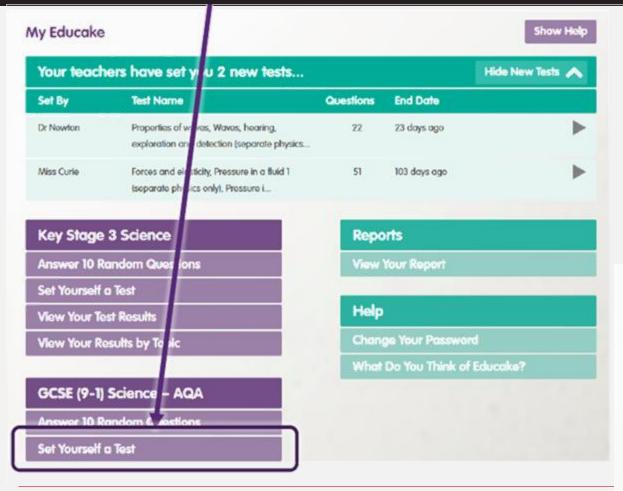


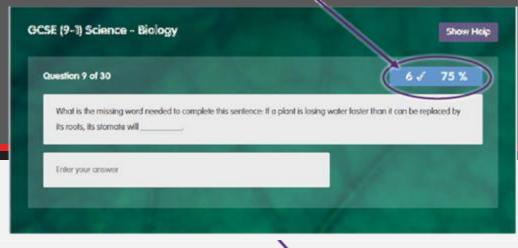


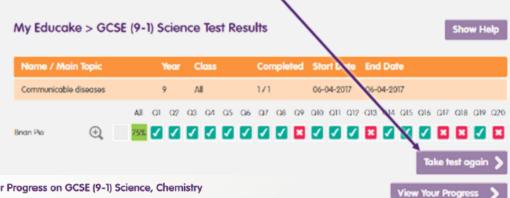




Homework- Educake





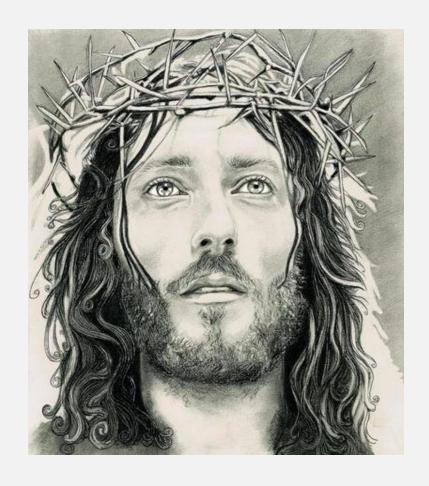


My Educake > Track Your Progress on GCSE (9-1) Science, Chemistry

Торіс	Percentage Correct	Questions Answered	Answer 10 More Questions
4.1 Atomic Structure and the Peri	odic Table (Paper 1)		
Atoms, elements, and compounds: th	91%	247	>
Mixtures	71%	14	>
Atomic models	65%	129	>
The periodic table	72%	65	>
Group 0	19%	41	>
The transition metals (separate ch	88%	В	>
4.2 Bonding, Structure and the P	roperties of Matter (Pa	iper 1)	
Chemical bonds	74%	57	b



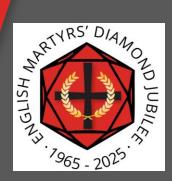
Year 10 Religious Education















Students will learn to...

- Critically assess evidence
- Debate relevant and current issues
- Create threads of arguments
- Articulate their views clearly and succinctly

These skills may lead to...

- Careers in Law, Medicine, Politics and Diplomacy
- Careers in Teaching, Education and Academic Research
- Careers in Social Work, Health Work and the Services
- Vocational or Charity Work
- Religious Life

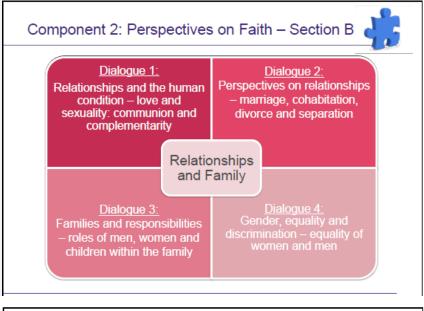


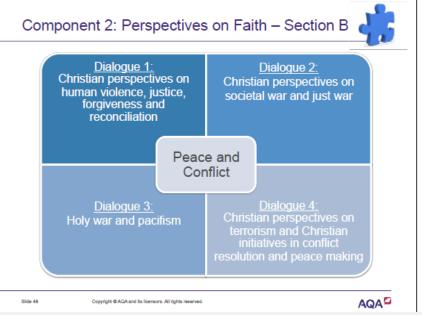




Content – AQA Specification B 25% 50% Study of 25% Mark's 25% RPE OR Study of Catholic Christianity Judaism or Gospel Islam Component 1 Component 2 Perspectives on faith: Catholic Christianity: Section A Section B: Judaism or Islam: RPE or Mark's Gospel: Creation Beliefs Incarnation RPE (two from): Practices A: Relationships and family The Triune God B: Peace and Conflict Redemption C: Human rights and Social Justice Church and Kingdom Mark's Gospel: D: The Life of Jesus Eschatology E: Source of Spiritual Truth Paper 1: 105 minute paper Paper 2: 105 minute paper 4 questions 4 questions 96+5 marks 96+5 marks

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AQA 4



Slide 18

The Exams

- ✓ There will be <u>TWO</u> exams at the end of YRII.
- ✓ Each exam will be 1hr 45mins long
- ✓ Students will have to answer four questions.
- ✓ This gives students 25 minutes on each question.
- ✓ Each question has five parts.
- I) I mark (KEYWORD DEFINITION)
- 2) 2 marks (GIVE IDEAS)
- 3) 4 marks (EXPLAIN)
- 4) 5 marks (EXPLAIN)
- 5) 12 marks (EXTENDED WRITING ANSWER/ OPINION)



What can parents do to help?

Instil good organisation...

- Help students to access online resources at home
- Promote active and regular revision strategies

Spark Curiosity...

- Nurture an interest in the news and current affairs
- Encourage questioning

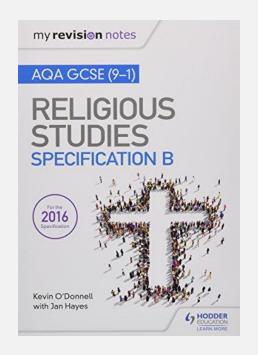
Reinforce Learning...

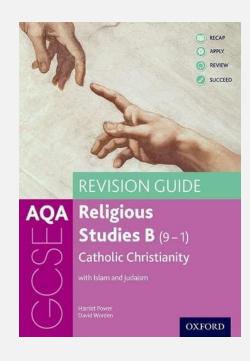
- -Ask to be taught the information acquired in class
- Debate issues at home!

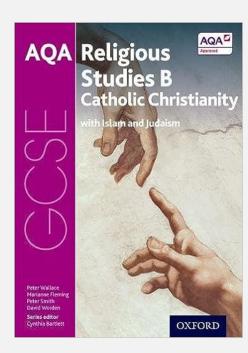




- Knowledge organisers, PPTs and quizzes on Satchel One...
- AQA website... Specification, past papers and mark schemes...
- Revision Guides...
- Assessment folders...
- Exercise books...



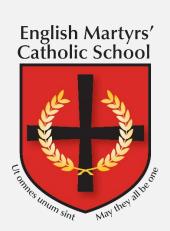




Plans for celebrating our 60th Anniversary

- Summer 2023 A photo exhibition looking back at the school over the years took place.
- 2023/24 School year Each year group to organise fundraising events.
- 60th Jubilee School Logo launched
- A book of pictures to be sold.
- Summer 2025 Whole School events.





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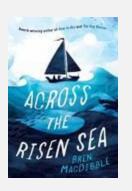
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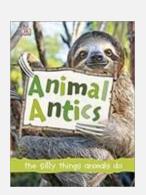
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The trust is an independent charity registered with the Charity Commission. It exists to provide co-curricular educational opportunities exclusively for students of English Martyrs' Catholic School.

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